

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Governor to designate June 27, 2016 as Indiana Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day, and to designate June, 2016 as Indiana Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Governor to
2 designate June 27, 2016 as Indiana Post-Traumatic Stress Injury
3 Awareness Day, and to designate June, 2016 as Indiana
4 Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month.

5 *Whereas, The brave men and women of the United States*
6 *Armed Forces - who proudly serve the United States and risk*
7 *their lives to protect our freedom, deserve the investment of*
8 *every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical,*
9 *mental, and emotional well-being;*

10 *Whereas, The challenges of serving in combat for many*
11 *of our veterans do not stop when they return home, but a new*
12 *challenge begins that many of our servicemen and women*
13 *must fight every day as they struggle in silence;*

14 *Whereas, The diagnosis now known as Post-Traumatic*
15 *Stress Disorder (PTSD) was first defined to commonly and*
16 *more accurately understand and treat veterans who had*
17 *endured severe traumatic combat stress;*

18 *Whereas, Combat operational stress has historically*
19 *been viewed as a mental illness caused by a pre-existing flaw*



1 *of character or ability, and the term "Post-Traumatic Stress*
2 *Disorder (PTSD)" carries a stigma that perpetuates this*
3 *misconception;*

4 *Whereas, Post-traumatic stress can occur not only after a*
5 *traumatic event experienced in combat, but also rape, sexual*
6 *assault, battery, torture, confinement, child abuse, car*
7 *accidents, train wrecks, plane crashes, bombings, or natural*
8 *disasters;*

9 *Whereas, Post-traumatic stress is a very common injury*
10 *to the brain that is treatable and repairable;*

11 *Whereas, Referring to the complications from post-*
12 *traumatic stress as a disorder perpetuates the stigma of and*
13 *bias against mental illness, and the stigma discourages those*
14 *suffering from post-traumatic stress from seeking proper and*
15 *timely medical treatment;*

16 *Whereas, Making the condition less stigmatizing and*
17 *more honorable can favorably influence those affected and*
18 *encourage them to seek help without fear of retribution or*
19 *shame;*

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21 *Whereas, Proper and timely treatment can diminish*
22 *suicide rates; and*

23 *Whereas, All citizens suffering from post-traumatic stress*
24 *injury deserve our consideration, those who have received*
25 *these wounds in service to our nation further deserve our*
26 *respect and recognition: Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
28 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
30 Governor to designate June 27, 2016 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury



1 Awareness Day and to designate June 2016 as Post-Traumatic Stress
2 Injury Awareness Month.

3 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly respectfully
4 urges our Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Public
5 Health, and Adjutant General to continue working to educate service
6 members, veterans, the families of service members and veterans,
7 victims of abuse, crime and natural disaster, and the general public
8 about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress
9 injury.

10 SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit one copy
11 of this resolution to the Governor.

